

RESOLUTION NO. 1074

A RESOLUTION RELATED TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION BY THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL (PSRC); DOCUMENTING THE CITY'S ACTIONS THAT SUPPORT THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL'S VISION 2040 AND REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY; AND REQUESTING FULL CERTIFICATION OF THE GIG HARBOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor plans under the Washington State Growth Management Act, codified at chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA); and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2015 the City adopted its 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update pursuant to the GMA; and

WHEREAS, the update met all requirements for compliance with the Washington State Growth Management Act and State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the comprehensive plan is to continue to support integration, and implementation of the Puget Sound Regional Council's VISION 2040 at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive plan was reviewed by state agencies and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC); and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2016, Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board adopted a "Plan Review Report and Certification Recommendation" and conditionally certified the city's comprehensive plan with a requirement to further address consistency between housing and employment growth assumptions and adopted housing and employment targets; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 1037, committing to address the conditions of certification; and

WHEREAS, city staff coordinated with other cities, Pierce County, Puget Sound Regional Council to address growth targets and growth assumptions related to the conditional certification; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2017, the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board adopted a new approach to address conditional certifications related to consistency with growth targets for small cities; and

WHEREAS, the city's comprehensive plan and development regulations demonstrate a commitment to managing growth consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy and addressing growth-related impacts, including the appropriate use of development

regulations, impact fees and other tools to ensure that growth pays for growth; and

WHEREAS, the city seeks to avoid and minimize unnecessary vehicle trips through coordinated land use and transportation planning strategies; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2017 City Council docketed the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendment work program to pursue text amendments relating to major amendments in the Transportation Element, amendments to the Capital Facilities Element, and data updates to the Land Use and Economic Development Elements to reflect the Pierce County Small Cities reallocation process; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2017 the City Council approved two professional services contracts with planning consultants to begin the work relating to the city's Transportation Element, Impact Fee Update, Travel Demand Model Update and Active Transportation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the city coordinated with other small cities in Pierce County to refine and adjust individual growth targets; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, the Pierce County Regional Council made a motion to request Pierce County Council amend Ordinance 2011-36s to change the adopted growth targets for small cities based upon the coordinated efforts and update Ordinance 2011-36s in the Countywide Planning Policies exhibits; and

WHEREAS, Gig Harbor plans to continue the work to address transportation and capital facilities improvement programs necessary to be implemented when associated with future growth; and

WHEREAS, the City's transportation and capital facilities related work items and other strategies to address growth is anticipated to extend into 2018 for the comprehensive plan update, and the alternative path offered by PSRC provides the city an opportunity to commit to the continued work and ensure quality planning products; and

WHEREAS, the city's comprehensive plan does not support and the city has no intent to expand the Urban Growth Area boundary to increase development capacity; Now, Therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The city is committed to advancing the integrity and mission of VISION 2040 and the Regional Growth Strategy through the policies and implementation strategies adopted in its comprehensive plan and regulatory standards.

Section 2. The city is working to actively manage growth and mitigate related impacts, including those on surrounding communities, rural and resource lands, and the regional

transportation system.

Section 3. The city council directs staff to continue to work collaboratively with other cities, Pierce County, the Pierce County Regional Council, and the Puget Sound Regional Council on future growth allocations during the next housing and employment target setting process, and commits to planning for growth in future updates to the comprehensive plan consistent with those collaboratively set and adopted targets.

Section 4. The city commits to continue and, as needed, adopt measures to manage anticipated growth in a manner that mitigates potential impacts, including impacts on surrounding communities, rural and resource lands, and the regional transportation system.

Section 5. The city commits to managing its growth within the current city and UGA boundaries, while minimizing impacts on surrounding rural and resource lands, and to using the adopted countywide criteria for evaluating any potential UGA modifications.

Section 6. The city commits to prioritizing consistency with the Regional Growth Strategy when considering future land use and zoning changes and capital facilities investments.

Section 7. The city council finds that it has reasonably addressed the conditions of certification pursuant to the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board's decision on January 26, 2017, and, accordingly, directs staff to submit this resolution and associated documentation to the Puget Sound Regional Council and to seek full certification of the City of Gig Harbor's Comprehensive Plan.

PASSED by the City Council this 27th day of March, 2017.

APPROVED:



Rahna Lovrovich, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Molly Towselee, City Clerk

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